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# Coyote Chronicle

## Tuition increase for fall 2017

By **Brittanie Gutierrez**  
Staff Writer

The California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees approved a \$270 tuition increase to take place fall 2017.

According to a statement released from the CSU Office of the Chancellor on March 22, the tuition increase will “generate \$77.5 million for student success initiatives.”

“If our advocacy efforts do not result in adequately funding the trustees’ budget request, the revenue generated by this increase will allow us to add faculty, courses, advisors and other resources to improve students’ opportunities for success,” said CSU Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Steve Relyea.

At CSUSB, students have felt the impact of lack of courses available due to faculty shortages.

During registration time, stress is at an all-time high because the process becomes a game of ‘who can click the fastest.’

“Every quarter there are students having to scramble around to try to add a class or sit in classes hoping for a spot to open up,” said student Alejandra Ronquillo.

A course may be available only during certain terms, which can cause complications with graduating on time.

“I would like to see an increase in the number of courses



Brittanie Gutierrez | Chronicle Photo

Tuition is set to increase by \$270 in fall 2017, the first increase to occur since 2011.

offered. It can be hard to get a class that only has one section open,” said student Shelly Gunther.

The revenue that will be generated from the increase will be geared towards student success efforts, one of which will be the Graduation Initiative 2025, which plans to double graduation rates.

“With California currently on pace to fall one million bachelor’s degrees short of the number required for the future workforce, CSU campuses can graduate an additional 500,000 students over the next decade with sustained funding for the initiative,” according to the CSU Office of the Chancellor.

In a community and campus like CSUSB, where most students attend due to affordability,

the \$270 increase is not taken lightly, despite benefits.

Currently, tuition is \$5,472, excluding the purchase of books and a parking permit, which could potentially cost another \$300 and even \$1,000.

By fall, it will now be \$5,742—minus those necessities mentioned.

“I think it’s going to put a lot of unnecessary financial stress on a lot of students. And not just students who don’t receive aid,” said student Reyna Holguin.

According to the CSU press release, the increase will not affect those who receive some form of financial aid services.

“I think it’s going to make it harder for people who already have to pay out of pocket and for the people who take out loans because it’s less money they have

towards books and stuff,” said student Brittany Logan.

This is the first tuition increase since 2011. The increase was raised by 10 percent, from \$4,440, to the current cost of \$5,472.

That increase was \$1,032, nowhere near the \$270 increase.

Regardless of their academic standing in the undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and teacher credential programs, all students will have to pay the tuition increase.

“There are many of us that have chosen CSUSB because it is a place close to home and there are a lot of us who have chosen this campus because it’s the most affordable,” said Ronquillo.

“With the rise in tuition this may no longer be the case,” continued Ronquillo.

## Shooting at North Park Elementary

By **Loydie Burmah**  
Executive Editor

Three people are dead, and one child is currently in recovery due to a murder-suicide that occurred at North Park Elementary School in San Bernardino on the morning of Apr 10.

CSUSB alumna Karen Elaine Smith, 53, and student Jonathan Martinez, 8 were shot when Smith’s estranged husband, Cedric Charles Anderson, 53 entered her classroom.

Smith graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Liberal Studies, wrote CSUSB President Dr. Tomás Morales in a statement addressed: “Special Message to the CSUSB Community” sent to colleagues and students on April 11.

“I ask everyone to keep Karen’s family and friends in your thoughts and prayers over the coming days, along with those of the young child who was also killed and the other student injured in the incident,” wrote Dr. Morales.

Martinez was airlifted to Loma Linda University Medical Center where he was declared deceased, said San Bernardino Police Chief Jarrod Burguan in a second media press conference that began at 3:30 p.m on April 10.

“Johnathan Our Family Angel,” the GoFundMe page created by Martinez’s cousin Brianna Lopez for funeral expenses and other necessities, has raised about \$129,000, surpassing the \$10k goal listed on the webpage.

Student Nolan Brandy, 9, who was shot in the abdomen, was released from the hospital on April 14.

Brandy suffered a cracked rib, according to a KTLA 5 report.

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## Clothesline Project

By **Kimberly Orozco**  
Staff Writer

The Women’s Resource Center (WRC) tackles the conversation of violence against women through The Clothesline Project Workshop.

The project started in Massachusetts in 1990 to address violence against women. However, it has been adopted worldwide to incite awareness and action through visual art testimonies.

The WRC aims to address violence in relationships through The Clothesline Project on campus. Students are encouraged to participate in decorating a shirt to express their emotions and experiences.

“It’s awesome to know our campus has resources like the WRC to help raise awareness to important issues such as domestic abuse,” said Vivian, a student.

T-shirts featuring testimonies of the persistent problem of domestic violence are displayed in public, to be viewed by visitors.

A workshop took place in the Santos Manuel Student Union (SU) between April 10th through April 14th in the WRC, and students were invited to decorate the shirts.

“This is my first time participating in something like this and I’m really looking forward to seeing the display,” said Samantha, a student.

“It’ll be insightful and almost like a support system to learn that we’re a united community,” she continued.

The decorated shirts will be displayed inside the SU throughout the following week in order for others to engage with The Clothesline Project.

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## Pfau & Yotie Talks bring Orwellian classic to CSUSB

By **Loydie Burmah**  
Executive Editor

John M. Pfau Library and the University Diversity Committee’s Yotie Talks cultivated a four-part program featuring George Orwell’s classic, “1984,” to encourage intellectual discussion within the campus community.

The program began on March 22, by encouraging the campus community to read Orwell’s critically acclaimed dystopian work.

Fifty hard copies of the book, and a Spanish translation e-book are available for rental at Pfau.

The second part of the program will feature a film screening of *1984*, directed by Michael Radford, on April 19,

from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m in Pfau’s Blue Ray Room located on the fifth floor (PL-5005).

A Yotie Talk panel featuring faculty members Dr. Chers-tin Lyon of history, Dr. Chris Naticcia of philosophy, and Dr. Charles R. Metts of communication will occur on April 26 in PL-4005 from noon to 1 p.m.

A follow-up talk will be held in PL-5005 on April 28 facilitated by Jeremy Murray, Assistant Professor of History.

Visit Pfau Library News online for more information regarding the program.

Gina Schlesselman-Tarango, academic reference and instruction librarian, published a post on the webpage titled “Update! 1984: A Three-Part Examination” that contains thorough details.

Join the discussion by engaging with the community.

## Veteran Student Diary

Reflecting on the North Park incident on Monday, April 10.  
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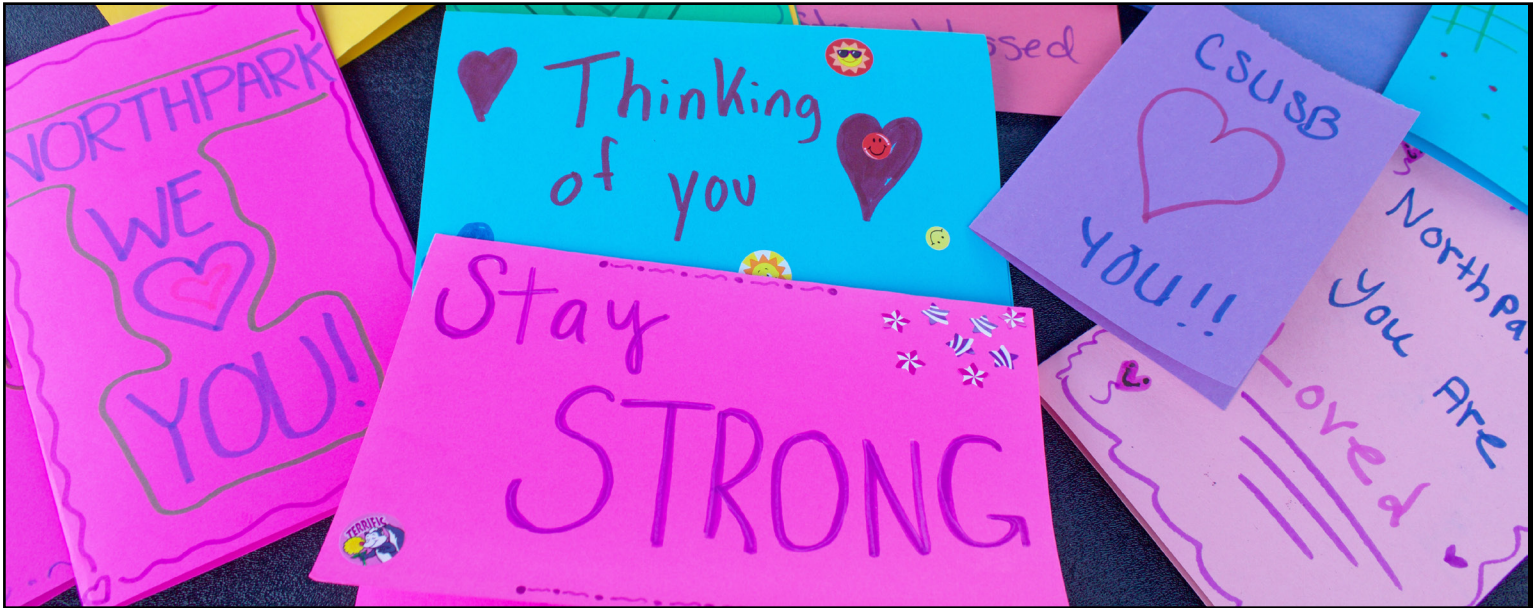
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Janet Curiel | Chronicle Photos

In light of the recent incident, students, staff, and faculty wrote special messages on cards to North Park Elementary School.

# Spring Carnival blooms friendship and engagement

By Janet Curiel  
Staff Writer

The John M. Pfau Library lawn was buzzing with the excitement of Spring Carnival on Wednesday, April 12.

The event, coordinated by the Office of Student Engagement (OSE) provided food, music and an upbeat atmosphere with DJ Ronnie Gibson, while over 24 clubs and organizations offered a variety of carnival-style games to start the conversation about their organizations.

From Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. doing Henna Tattoos to the Kinesiology Student Association creating their own photo booth, the student organizations brought their creativity and uniqueness on display.

One game presented by Lubos Pilipino-American Student Organization was Tinikling, a traditional folk dance that originates from the Philippines.

The dance involves the beating, tapping, and sliding of bamboo sticks on the ground, while other students attempted to step over and through the moving bamboo sticks.

“It brings a lot of attention to all the organizations, and it kind of gets them aware of the opportunities available to them,” said Rachel Lemon, at her table for Grad Days, while handing out cotton candy.

One quirky game was Bra Pong presented by students from Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc., who became official sisters this past fall.

“One of our National Philanthropies is actually Breast Cancer Awareness, we saw an opportunity today to come out here at the carnival and we just thought that we would provide awareness for our philanthropy while having fun and playing a game,” stated Brittany Smith.

“We put the bras on there and we provided some statistics

and facts about breast cancer,” continued Smith.

The Services to Students with Disabilities (SSD) & WorkAbility IV brought a unique twist to their carnival game.

“We have the impaired ring toss. Some students on campus have glaucoma or cataracts and they’re visually impaired so we want people to come here and get a little dose of what some our students experience on a daily basis,” stated Alonso Curiel, a representative from SSD.

Some of the feedback from students was very impactful.

“I feel almost blind,” said Deja Easter when she put on the cataract glasses.

She said it’s a good experience to see as a person with glaucoma or cataracts.

“Now I understand what they go through,” said Easter, when asked if this experience inclined her to volunteer as a note taker.

Students with Disabilities & WorkAbility IV had a student whose grandmother had cataracts, and he never knew what she went through.

“He almost started crying [...] He was having a conversation with us. So we are actually going to send him the picture of him with the glasses and he’s going to give it to his grandmother,” stated Curiel.

Students Myra Cortez and Glen Bates were playing the bean bag toss and picked up some free Mango lollipops with chili provided by the student organization CRU.

Cortez believes there should be more events like this in order to have better interactions between the students.

“Honestly, with this happening today, I barely met her today,” said Bates about meeting his new friend Myra Cortez.

The event had a high turnout of a few hundred students and was overall a great experience for those who participated.

One late addition was the card making table for the students, faculty, and staff of North Park Elementary, the site of the recent shooting where a man opened fire in a special education classroom, killing his estranged wife, an 8-year-old student and then himself.

“My daughter attended that school from 4th to 6th grade. I feel connected to it, especially since I live around the corner from the school,” stated Misty Livingston, Coordinator of the OSE, who will be dropping off the written letters herself.

“It hit close to home, it’s down the street, anything to show support,” said Kathleen Montenegro on why she took the time to stop and write a card.

“To try and brighten their day,” said Nicole Ledesma about writing her card.

The SMSU Pan African Center Student Success Center & the Osher Adult Re-Entry Center (OARC) will also be continuing this effort and joined the campaign #standingwithnorthpark to let them know that CSUSB stands with those affected by the incident.

Letters can be dropped off at the Cross Cultural Center or the OARC anytime Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will be delivered on April 28 at 12 p.m. with the assistance of Associated Student Incorporated (ASI).

The San Bernardino City Unified School District shared a post of the 9-year-old student who was shot, Nolan Brandy, who is now recovering according to his parents, as seen on ABC7 Eyewitness News.

Together, the student organizations started the conversation over the love of carnival food, games, philanthropies, fellow schools, and students, and seemingly brought lasting friendships and new members to clubs and organizations.



**TOP:** Nursing Students David Casclang, Kathleen Montenegro, and Nicole Ledesma write letters to Northpark Elementary School.

**MIDDLE:** Lubos PASO members, Harley Elegino and Shanelle Versoza, dancing Tinikling.

**BOTTOM:** Giant-sized Jenga pieces draws a crowd, provided by the Office of Student Engagement.



## World Briefs

By **Emily Anne Espinosa**  
News & Politics Editor  
Community Editor

April 13, 2017  
**Syria**

President Bashar al-Assad claimed that their government had nothing to do with the chemical gas incident that occurred on April 4, stating that the allegations that his forces had purposefully poisoned Syrian citizens is “100 percent fabrication.”

April 14, 2017  
**North Korea**

Vice Minister Han Song Ryol stated that “we will go to war” if the U.S. chooses to provoke them. “We certainly will not keep our arms crossed in the face of a U.S. pre-emptive strike,” said Han.

April 14, 2017  
**Afghanistan**

When the U.S. dropped the non-nuclear “mother of all bombs,” 36 ISIS militants were killed and their base was destroyed. “No civilian has been hurt and only the base [...] was destroyed,” said Afghan Ministry Spokesman Dawlat Waziri.

## Senate goes ‘nuclear’ for Neil Gorsuch

By **Daniel Urenda**  
Staff Writer

Earlier this month, Republicans deployed the ‘nuclear option’ to push Neil Gorsuch through to the Supreme Court, leaving CSUSB students and faculty not entirely sure what this means for the future.

Gorsuch was confirmed on Friday, April 6, with a final vote of 54-45.

On the following Monday morning, he was officially sworn in as the newest Supreme Court Justice.

With the need for 60 votes now gone, majority parties will no longer need to nominate judges that appeal to both sides.

Though this is seen by many as a controversial series of events, Republicans have cited the Democratic Party’s usage of the ‘nuclear option’ in 2013 as a precedent for their actions.

Additionally, some are saying that Democrats knew the filibuster would leave Republicans with little recourse, especially with the loss of Antonin Scalia last year.

In an age of increasingly polarizing social issues, such

as LGBTQ+ rights and immigration, it is hard to dismiss the power of the Supreme Court.

“Not moving on Garland and going nuclear on Gorsuch have been for the Republicans almost entirely a matter of minimizing damage,” said political science professor, Scot Zentner.

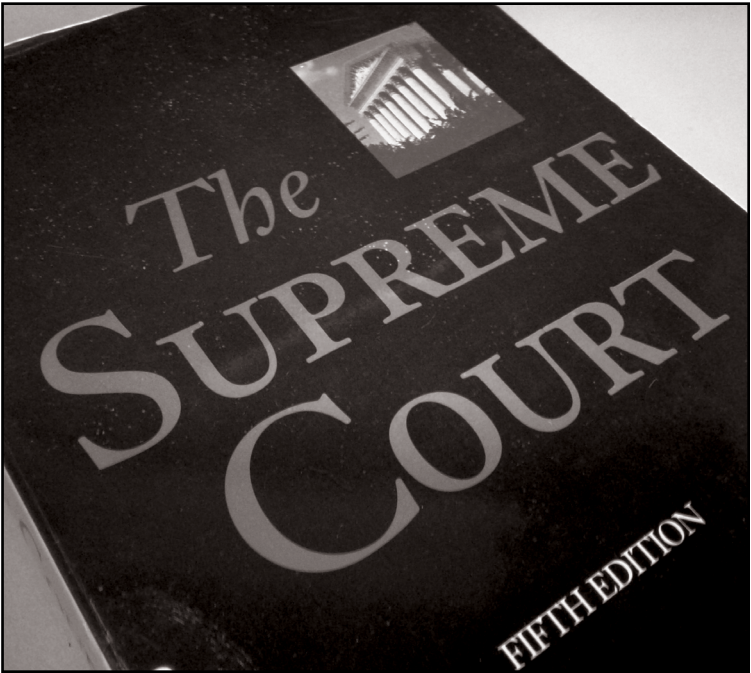
Even with the confirmation of Gorsuch, the Democratic party can still have a strong foothold in the Supreme Court as five of the current justices have been known to lean left on some social issues.

However, it is clear that the handful of issues the Supreme Court has been split on for the past year may be dealt with much differently now that there are nine justices once again.

Professor Zentner further explained that though he mostly agreed with the claims that Democrats had been shortsighted, he believed Trump might not be in office the next time a Supreme Court Justice needs to be replaced.

“I really don’t agree with what Trump is doing, but this seems like it could be a double edged sword,” said student Martin Garcia.

It appears that individuals on all sides of the political spectrum



Daniel Urenda | Chronicle Photo

Gorsuch was sworn in as Supreme Court Justice on April 10.

can at least agree that the Republican Party’s use of the nuclear option may eventually work against them.

“It may then turn out that a Democratic president with a Democratic Senate could, much as the Republicans did with Gorsuch replacing Scalia, appoint a liberal justice to replace the liberal Ginsburg,” Zentner continued.

Another area of speculation is how Gorsuch will vote on future issues as part of the Supreme Court.

Zentner explained, “Justices, particularly those appointed by Republicans, sometimes act on

the Court differently than they did beforehand.”

While many are confident that Gorsuch will be as conservative as his predecessor, only time will tell if this is the case.

“He might end up being as bad as Scalia, but I guess we’ll just have to wait and see,” said student Rebecca Hernandez.

Though nothing has been confirmed, there have been rumors that Justice Anthony Kennedy is planning to retire from the Supreme Court. While Kennedy has mostly acted as a conservative, he has been known to side with liberals on certain issues.

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## Equal Play v. Equal Pay

By **Maylyne Togafau**  
Staff Writer

The U.S. Women’s Soccer team have finally reached a consensus with the U.S. Soccer Federation on the terms of their new collective bargaining agreement (CBA).

Major terms of the new contract include a substantial base-wage increase, better travel accommodations, and some licensing and marketing rights for the United States women’s national soccer team (USWNT).

In a joint statement, U.S. Soccer and the United States women’s national soccer team players’ associations announced their excitement to “continue to build the women’s program in the U.S., grow the game of soccer worldwide, and improve the professional lives of players on and off the field.”

Previous to the new agreement, it took several negotiations, a handful of lawsuits, and a near strike for both parties to reach a compromise.

Five high-profile players filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, accusing the U.S. Soccer Federation of paying the players much less than the United States Men’s National Team, in March of 2016.

The complaint cited numbers from the U.S. Soccer Federation’s 2015 financial report, and argued that although the reigning World Cup Champions raked in almost \$20 million more revenue than the USMNT the previous year, they were paid about four times less.

The financial report also requires both the men’s and women’s teams to play 20 “friendly” games a year.

But the women receive a bonus of \$1,350 for a winning game, whereas men are guaranteed \$5,000 in those same games, regardless of the outcomes.

CSUSB’s men’s soccer player Daniel Looker agrees that “the U.S. women’s national team is far better than the men’s team as far as their performance in world soccer.”

“The men’s World Cup brings in far more revenue than the women’s does [...] it simply means that people prefer to watch men play,” Looker continued.

Equity is not a new idea, even in professional sports, although there continues to be new ways in which it is either fought for or argued against. The USWNT launched a campaign called Equal Play, Equal Pay.

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# Letter to the Editor

## CAIR Response to OPINION: “Debunking: ‘Who are the Refugees?’”

By Hussam Ayloush  
Contributing Writer

Dear Editor,

A recent commentary written by Arturo Brooks lacked the most basic standards of integrity, fairness, or journalistic professionalism or ethics. The clearly bias-driven commentary included multiple slanted characterizations of both the content and intent of panelist contributions of the “Who Are the Refugees?” forum held at CSUSB on Feb. 21. His article contains blatant misrepresentations of the lectures and many alternative facts that can easily be exposed. Since I was one of the invited panelists, I will comment on a few of his misrepresentations.

Brooks started his commentary by excusing Islamophobia because, in his words, people have “legitimate concerns of illegal immigration and involvement in international conflicts.” No, Islamophobia and any other form of bigotry are never acceptable. One can be concerned about national security without promoting fear of an entire race or religion. Doing that makes one a bigot, a racist.

Driven by a twisted understanding of patriotism, Brooks then went on to justifying or whitewashing the various examples of racism and bias that I discussed from the history of our country.

He complained that my information regarding the enslavement of Africans somehow made “the U.S. to appear guilty.” And in response to my condemnation of our country’s immoral incarceration of over 100,000 Japanese Americans in isolated concentration camps during WWII, Brooks objected that I “neglected to explain the reasoning behind the scare that

caused the U.S. to take this course of action.” Can one really believe that their irrational fear of innocent people solely on the basis of their ethnic, national, or religious background could justify mistreating them and denying them due process?

To highlight the plight of current refugees, I drew a parallel between how, during WWII, we turned away Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi brutality and how we are currently doing the same to Syrian refugees fleeing Assad and ISIS brutality. Brooks shockingly excused the rejection of those Jewish refugees by the U.S. under the pretext of “protection of national security in light of current events and fears of that time.” Those arguments clearly explain why he has no problem with the current Islamophobia and anti-immigrant policies.

Illustrating how Islamophobia has led our country to engage in policies that go against our values of justice and due process, I mentioned how the US-run Guantanamo detention center held hundreds of men and boys without charges or due process. Brooks blatantly used alternative facts in order to justify the injustices in Guantanamo. He claimed that there were more than 500 convictions on terrorism related charges. However, these numbers are not related to Gitmo. The real facts are that 779 people were placed in Gitmo. ONLY 8, not 500, were convicted by illegitimate military commissions, three of these convictions have been reversed. Basically, there were five convictions out of 732 illegal detentions. After many years of illegal detentions, 532 were released by former U.S. president George W. Bush and 198 were released by former U.S. president Barack Obama.

<https://www.aclu.org/info-graphic/guantanamo-numbers>

Yet another false statement by Brooks, “Ayloush also stated, “White people are the biggest domestic terrorists,” not revealing his source.” No, I did NOT say this, not even close.

Without any regard to integrity or accuracy, he placed his fake quote of me between quotation marks. What I actually said (and the video of the talk is available) is that our government’s statistics indicate that the number one source of domestic terrorism in America is White supremacist and White militia groups. There is a big difference between those two statements and it is clear that Brooks is intent on defaming and misrepresenting me in order to advance his clearly anti-Muslim views.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/25/us/tally-of-attacks-in-us-challenges-perceptions-of-top-terror-threat.html>

[https://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/16/opinion/the-other-terror-threat.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/16/opinion/the-other-terror-threat.html?_r=0) )

There is so much more to write about to debunk Brooks’ alternative facts and reality; however, I believe that the best way to learn about that informative event is to watch it for yourself.

I invite the campus community to view the standing room only event, which was made public to everyone at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7hUcvIYZ\\_0&feature=share](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7hUcvIYZ_0&feature=share).

Ignorance, fear, and bigotry can only be challenged through information.

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# Veteran Thoughts: North Park shooting

By Arturo Brooks  
Staff Writer

It was a normal sunny Monday morning in San Bernardino when a tragic event occurred: North Park Elementary was shaken by a shooting.

When I first heard of this tragic event unfolding, I wondered, was this a terrorist attack, an angered student, or a troubled individual?

I sat in class observing my fellow classmates, curious to see how they would respond.

They responded as I expected them to, in a shock and alarmed manner.

Murmurs began to spread in the class, questioning, “Is this another terrorist attack?”

We received campus security emails on the situation and how to react.

Maintenance came by to make sure our door was locked from the outside.

Within the last ten minutes of my hour long class, we received news that the situation was under control and classes would continue as usual.

Not truly understanding the situation at hand, I took it upon myself to gather the facts myself and seek an explanation of the event.

I knew I had to find my own explanation, not only for the newspaper, but to see how things were handled from a first person perspective and not from word of mouth.

To see what was happening, at 1:10 p.m., I rushed to Physical Education building, Room 101, where the children from the North Park Elementary were being sheltered.

The campus security had blocked off areas surrounding the building.

I asked around to find a way to get closer to the building, so that I could ask parents how they were feeling and how they felt that the situation was handled.

When I was finally able to

locate one of the parents, they walked me in order to bypass security.

I began by asking simple questions, such as how they were feeling and if they were still concerned.

The parents I interviewed praised the San Bernardino Police Department (SBPD) for handling the situation swiftly and professionally.

In the light of the horrendous event that had taken place earlier in the day, I was shocked to hear children singing and laughing.

The reasons why parents were so relieved with the SBPD was because they did their best to keep the children’s spirits up, as well as with the help from other campus and community members. Community members included Sodexo and Stater Bros., which swiftly provided snacks and water.

With talking to the parents, I began to think and look at the situation from a military perspective, with me being a combat veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) of how the situation was handled and even what the shooter had done.

The sad part about hearing how the situation unfolded was that all I could come up with is how something broke the camel’s back and pushed this man to do this heinous act.

I am not giving this man any sympathy, but something ticked him off to do this.

But it doesn’t matter what caused him to snap, what matters is a young boy was killed in the process.

What bothered me the most wasn’t the fact that this had happened, but the amount of attention that people had focused on themselves rather than on the children.

I understand that we must move on with our lives, however, at the same time, those who are in harm’s way come before us.

# Editorial

By Coyote Chronicle  
Editorial Staff

We live in an information age where accessibility is instantaneous and the credibility of reporting is in severe danger.

As a younger generation of reporters, we are learning how to uphold the venerable institution of journalism with utmost regard.

We believe in fostering discussion on diversity of opinion and we encourage our readers to continue using opinion pieces as their catalyst.

As the independent student voice of CSUSB, the opinions expressed in the *Coyote Chronicle* are those of the student writers and do not reflect the views of the entire editorial team, university, its faculty, or any other person or institution unless expressly noted.

Authors are free to express their opinion, and those who disagree are entitled to do so as

well. We encourage and extend invitation for contributing writers to express their notions regarding pieces featured in the newspaper.

However, we will not condone personal attacks of character on an author.

We believe in protecting our writers and defending their First Amendment right to express their opinions.

Opinion pieces provide educational opportunities for students to write thoughtful critiques about various on and off campus lectures, activities,

events, workshops that they may critically engage.

It is imperative to understand how opinion pieces are handled in contrast to news articles.

Furthermore, those who believe that we should not have published the article because their views align with that of popular opinion would be engaging in censure.

We make mistakes, but we always correct ourselves as we learn and mature. It is a symbiotic educational process, and we trust that readers will hold us

accountable by challenging our journalistic integrity.

It is our duty to engage with the campus and San Bernardino community by offering educational and resourceful assistance through our reporting.

We will continue to uphold the basic tenets of outstanding journalism which includes accuracy, fairness, credibility, and impact.

Focusing on those positive aspects and more, we foresee success and maturation for the *Chronicle* as we establish relationships with our communities.



# The 2017 NBA Playoffs

By Tyler Vanderelst  
Staff Writer

The National Basketball Association (NBA) playoffs are underway and the 2016 NBA Champions, the Cleveland Cavaliers are set to make a run for their second straight championship title, but it is looking like they will not start as the No. 1 seed like last year’s playoffs.

This time of year is a crucial time for many NBA teams as they focus on winning games to improve their seedings.

Teams that are normally in the playoffs that are projected to make it this year from the West: are Golden State Warriors (No. 1), San Antonio Spurs (No. 2), and Los Angeles Clippers (No. 4).

The other teams rounding up the West are: Houston Rockets (No. 3), Utah Jazz (No. 5), Oklahoma City Thunder (No.6), Portland Trail Blazers (No. 7) and Memphis Grizzlies (No. 8).

One match up that plenty of people will have their eyes on will be the Houston Rockets against Oklahoma City Thunder.

This round one playoff game will feature the two front runners

to win the MVP, Russell Westbrook of the Thunder and James Harden of the Rockets.

The Rockets will go into this game as the favorite to win because they are the No. 3 seed while the Thunder are the No. 6 seed. One fan, Christian Cisneros said this will be one of the best series this year.

“I can’t wait to see the two MVP candidates prove why they should be MVP in a seven-game series,” said Cisneros

For the Eastern Conference, the Boston Celtics took the No.1 seed and were followed by the Cavaliers with the No. 2 seed. The Toronto Raptors, Washington Wizards and Atlanta Hawks grabbed seeds three, four and five, respectively, while the Milwaukee Bucks scooped up seed No. 6.

The Indiana Pacers took the No. 7 seed and the Bulls nabbed the No. 8 seed, leaving the Heat out of the playoffs.

This year marks Lebron James’ first time not as the No. 1 seed in the East since he has joined the Cavaliers.

Shakir Syed is a Cavaliers fan who believes his favorite team will still win the championship.

“When you have Lebron James on the court it is hard to pick any team to beat them because he is so good he can single-handedly take over a game,” said Syed.

However, many people believe that the championship game this year will be a repeat of the past two years, featuring the same two teams in the Cavaliers

and the Warriors.

In the past four years, this is the second time the same teams have played each other in the finals in back-to-back years. Previously, it was a battle between the Spurs and the Heat.

With the Warriors having arguably the best team in the NBA and being on a hot streak right now it is hard to imagine

that they won’t be in the championship game.

However, with Lebron James, the Cavaliers will still have a shot to make the championship games as well.

Round one will run through April 24 at the earliest and April 30 at the latest depending on how long each best of seven series goes.

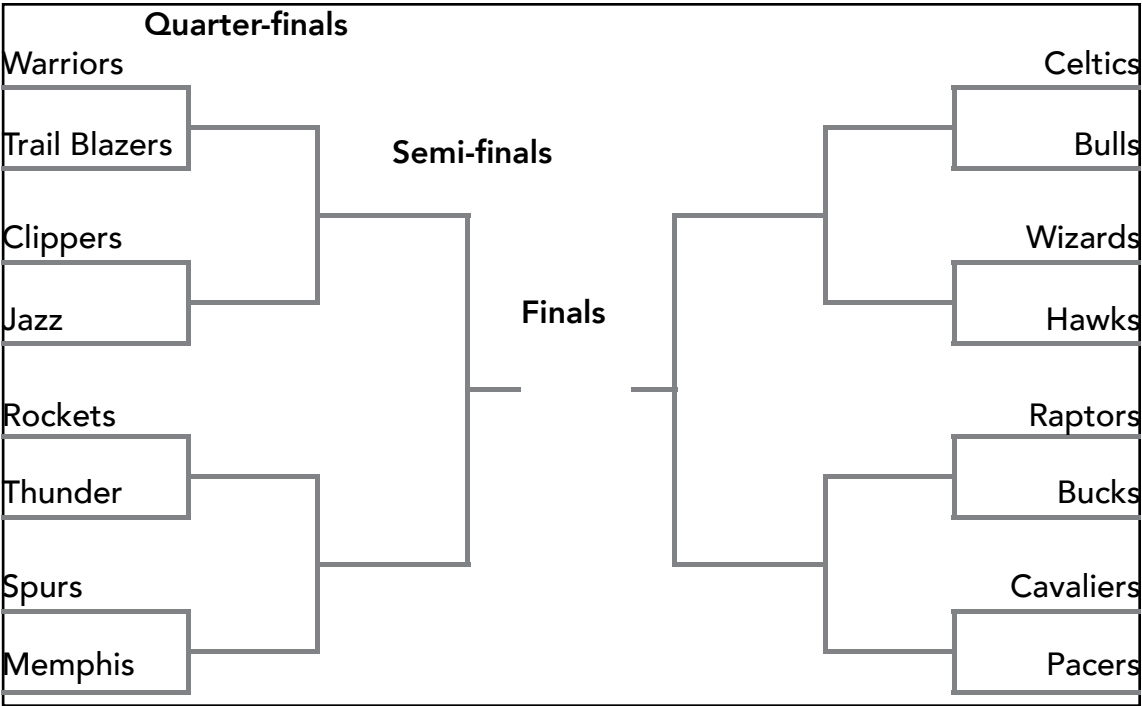


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The NBA 2017 playoffs start on Saturday, April 15 with the first game starting at noon.

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## Yotes honor Cherniss

By Lauren Jennings  
Sports Editor

The final win of the volleyball teams' 2016 season was a big one, both for the school and for head coach Kim Cherniss. The win against Central Washington University in the NCAA West Regional was Cherniss' 600th with the Coyotes.

To celebrate such a historic moment, the Coyote Athletics Department hosted an event featuring a legacy video and an award presentation.

Current and former team members attended the event along with coaches from other

Coyote sports teams, the vice president of Student Affairs, Athletic Department employees and former university president Albert Karnig.

"It's really a special today for me to have president Karnig and his wife Marilyn here because they were so front-and-center for our student-athletes," said Cherniss.

Interim Director of Athletics Morgan Walker started the ceremony by welcoming attendees and thanking everyone in attendance.

Vice President of Student Affairs, Brian Haynes spoke next, offering up factoids about Cherniss' accomplishments with

the team.

"We talk a lot about winning and stuff like that and it does bring people closer together, but the kids here are the real reason for all this," said Cherniss. "To my current players who are wonderful and give me a lot of grief, that's all part of the fun."

Cherniss humbly thanked members of the Athletics Department staff, Coussoulis Arena employees, trainers and her coaches, knowing the importance of teamwork and each job being an asset for overall success.

"Our team; when I say our team, I mean all of them," said Cherniss. "All 26 years, that's our team."

## Athletes and fans unite

By Brandon Staton  
Contributing Writer

The Athletics Department has put together a Lip Sync Battle between each athletic team with the fans helping to decide the winner.

Fans may know the names and stats of the players on the court or field, but fail to know what athletes do when they are not in their uniforms.

Athletics Academic Adviser, Megan McGarry created this event to form a stronger bond between the Coyote sports teams and students.

"This will build a family atmosphere to a sports programs that we really need to succeed," said McGarry.

The battle is set up by rounds, where each team will face one another in the battle for a lip sync victory.

"Our coaches told us the winning mentality goes with everything so we have to win," said Dylan Leonard, a member of the men's basketball team.

All sports teams will be participating in this contest, which promises to be full of good match-ups.

The last two teams standing will meet at the athletes' banquet for the finale.

Athletes are required to wear outfits that complement their chosen song.

The judges will base their scores on style, creativity and dance moves.

Some songs that will be performed include "Say My Name" by Destiny's Child and "Candy Shop" by 50 Cent.

This lip sync battle is a chance to see CSUSB athletes out of their comfort zones. Lip syncing is going to take some real guts for the athletes.

"We are all going to be nervous and there are some crazy songs being performed so it should be real funny," said Daryl Adigwu, guard for men's basketball.

The event will bring the athletes and students together, promoting school spirit and possibly creating new friendships.

School spirit is one of the biggest parts of college sports, as the athletes want to win and perform well for their fellow class mates.

This will be the first Lip Sync Battle for the athletics teams, one of many changes for the Athletic Program that wants to bring the winning atmosphere back to San Bernardino.

Students attending the event are allowed to bring signs for their favorite team just like if they were at a game.

Student attendance will be important as the judges need help to decide the winners of each round based on the crowds reaction to each group.

Yotes are encouraged to view the "friendly" battle to contribute to campus spirit and, of course, enjoy a good laugh.

The judges will be the student-athletes who decided not to perform in the event.

To see what team will be crowned the first Lip Sync Battle Champion, or meet the members of your favorite athletics team, visit the Performing Arts building on April 29 at 6 p.m.

### Cherniss & the Coyotes

- The 2016 season marked Cherniss' 26th year with the Coyotes
- She has led the volleyball program to 12 CCAA titles in the past 16 seasons
- Each of last 20 seasons with a final win-loss record of 20 wins or more
- 17 straight appearances in the NCAA tournament
- 6 NCAA Regional titles
- 9 former players have gone on to play professional volleyball



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V.P. of Student Affairs, Brian Haynes and Coach Kim Cherniss.

## NHL teams quest for the Stanley Cup

By Gabriel Ramos  
Contributing Writer

The time has come for the National Hockey League (NHL) regular season to wrap up and for playoffs to get underway to see who will be this year's winner of the Stanley Cup.

Of the 30 teams in the NHL, only 16 will get the chance to battle through four playoff rounds to be crowned champions.

April 12 kicked off the NHL playoffs with five games being played throughout the league. The first round will take place through at least April 19 but could last until April 26 if necessary.

Although playoffs have already begun, the Stanley Cup will not be won until sometime

in June as the date will be determined depending on the timing of the first three rounds.

The Pittsburgh Penguins hosted the Columbus Blue Jackets while the Montreal Canadiens hosted the New York Rangers. The Boston Bruins paid a visit to the Ottawa Senators and the St. Louis Blues went over to Minnesota to take on the Wild. Last but not least the San Jose Sharks flew to Canada to take on the Edmonton Oilers.

The Anaheim Ducks have qualified for the playoffs for the fifth straight year but are still in the hunt for their first Stanley Cup Title since the '06-'07 season.

The Ducks finished the regular season with a four-game win streak, with two of them coming against their first-round opponent, the Calgary Flames.

With the first-round loss to the Nashville Predators last season, they look to push past their opponents as the odds are in their favor.

They are predicted to win four games to one over the Predators, according to sports writer Rob Goldberg of Bleacher Report.

Although odds are in their favor for the first and second rounds they are predicted to lose the conference final to the St. Louis Blues by one game (4-3 overall).

After speaking to a couple of students on campus and asking them about their thoughts on the playoffs very few said they even watched the NHL or had very little interest in the subject.

However, one student stood out in her Anaheim Ducks jersey. "I've been a Ducks fan for

as long as I can remember and I'm growing impatient waiting for our next title, but I believe we have a chance this year," said Tephania Martinez.

The LA Kings failed to make it to the playoffs for the second time in the last three years after winning the Stanley Cup twice in the last six. They'll sit out and watch the playoffs from home as they wait for another opportunity next season.

The Ducks and the Kings are fan favorites in Southern California, with a strong rivalry between the two both on the ice and in the stands.

The Montreal Canadiens made the playoffs this year after falling short last season. They lead all the franchises with 23 Stanley Cups but are predicted to lose in the first round against the New York Rangers.

Montreal has quite a bit of history behind them as they've been around for over 100 years and continue to fight their way into postseason play.

The Canadiens had an astonishing run between the 1950's and 1970's where they were able to rack up 16 of their 23 Stanley Cups.

Since then they've won only two cups which came in 1986 and 1993.

They've been on a long drought since then and are looking to defeat the odds and claim back that throne that they once conquered.

The Washington Capitals have made the playoffs in eight of the last nine seasons, but have not been able to get past the second round.

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# Quakes silver anniversary



Photo courtesy of Rancho Cucamonga Quakes

LoanMart Field, formerly the Epicenter, has been home to the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes since their inaugural season back in 1993.

**By Lauren Jennings**  
Sports Editor

It has been 25 years since the city of Rancho Cucamonga welcomed the Quakes, a Minor League Baseball team, with open arms.

The team is still going strong, offering a large round-up of promotions, theme nights and giveaways to celebrate their silver anniversary.

“When we start talking about celebrating 25 years, I think the reaction we’ve gotten across the board is somewhere between shocked and astonished, which I think is for two reasons,” said Grant Riddle, Quakes Vice President and General Manager. “I think it is, hopefully, because the time flies when you’re having a good time and it’s certainly because we have such a beautiful facility.”

The Quakes got their start in Rancho Cucamonga in 1993, but their roots trace back to 1966 when the team played in Lodi, Calif.

Since then, they have played in Ventura and right here in San Bernardino.

In 1987, the franchise began playing at Fiscalini Field, which is now home to the CSUSB baseball team, playing there through the 1992 season.

While playing at Fiscalini, the team was known as the San Bernardino Spirit.

On Nov. 14, 1991, ground broke for the new stadium in Rancho, which would come to be known as the Epicenter.

In September of 1992, fans were asked to choose a name for

the team and 200+ entries later, the Quakes were born.

Their first game, played on April 8, 1993, was a 7-3 victory over the now defunct High Desert Mavericks.

The very next year, the Quakes won their first California League Championship.

After shattering attendance records in their first four seasons, the Quakes welcomed their 2 millionth fan to the stadium in 1997.

“We’ve had 6.5 million people visit our stadium or come to our city to experience the Quakes,” mentioned Riddle.

In 2001, the Quakes signed on to be the minor league affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, after being a San Diego Padres affiliate since 1993.

After 10 years with the Angels, the Quakes switched

affiliations in 2011, becoming a Los Angeles Dodgers affiliate.

The 2013 season brought a name change to the Epicenter as LoanMart and the Quakes merged for a ten-year partnership that renamed the stadium LoanMart Field.

In 2015, the Quakes snapped a 21 year-long championship drought, sweeping the San Jose Giants in three games.

On April 5, the city of Rancho Cucamonga opened up their City Council meeting by introducing a proclamation of celebration for the Quakes starting season number 25.

“They [Quakes] have certainly helped put Rancho Cucamonga on the map,” said L. Dennis Michael, the Mayor of Rancho Cucamonga.

With the aid of multiple Major League rehabbers, pop-

ular bobblehead giveaways and weekly promotions, the Quakes have continued to draw new and returning fans to Rancho Cucamonga every year.

“We are going to have six celebration nights throughout the season,” announced Riddle. “We’re going to wear a tip of the cap to our old pinstripe uniforms and we’re going to be raffling those off throughout the season with the proceeds going to our sponsor of the event, which is Loma Linda Children’s Hospital.”

In addition to the celebration nights, the Quakes will also offer up five bobblehead nights, a magnet schedule giveaway, a replica pinstripe jersey, a Quakes hat, a team photo and a set of 2017 Quakes baseball cards.

Along with giveaways to celebrate the season, the Quakes

will be recognizing employees and ticket holders.

“We actually have a staff member that has been here 25 years, Linda [Rathfon, Assistant GM/Group Sales] has been here 24, and we have almost 20 season ticket holders that have been with us since the very beginning and we’ll be recognizing those folks,” said Riddle.

The Quakes will also be honoring scouts on Scout Night, members of the military with Military Appreciation Night and students with Back to School Night.

“We’re thrilled to have them [the fans] come back out and celebrate with us,” said Riddle.

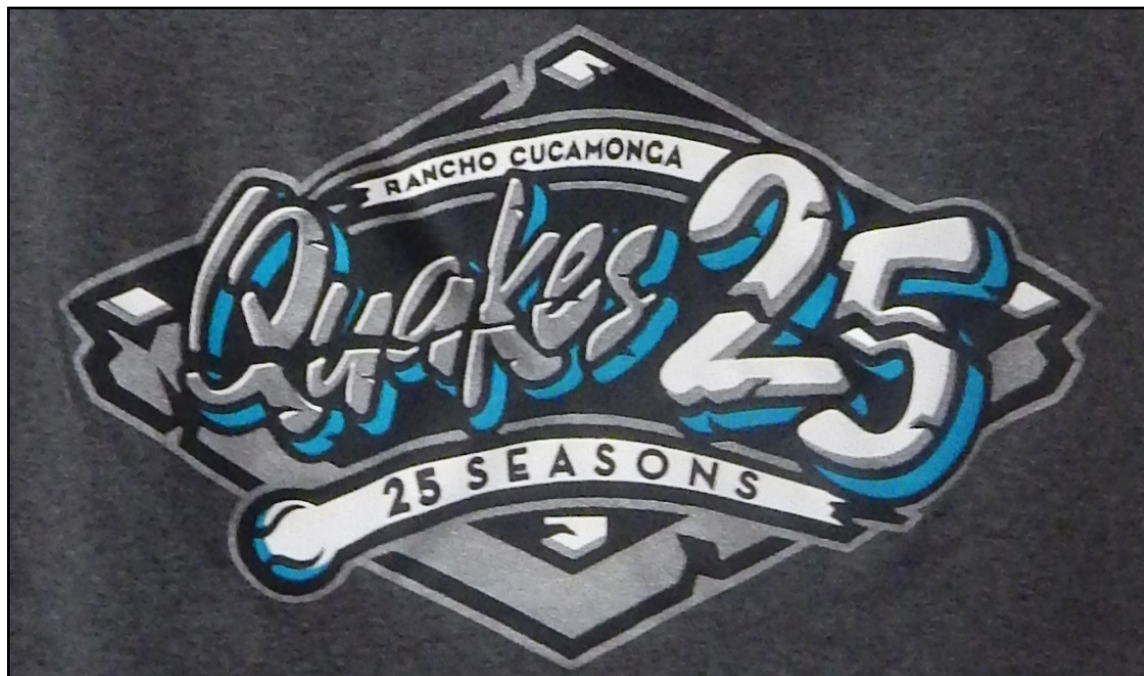
The Quakes will continue to offer their fan favorite weekly promotions.

Mondays are for Social Media Monday, Tuesdays are for Recycle Tuesdays, Wednesdays are Bark in the Park, Thursdays are Thirsty Thursdays, Fridays offer \$1 Family Feast Night or a giveaway, Saturdays feature fireworks and Sundays are highlighted by Kids Eat Free Sunrun Sunday.

More information on these promos can be found on the Quakes Website.

“The city council and the city of Rancho Cucamonga wish to recognize and support Rancho Cucamonga Quakes baseball and the great family entertainment it has brought to our city by celebrating their 25th anniversary season,” concluded Michael.

The Quakes 25th season celebration will last through September, so pick a game and come celebrate with the city of Rancho Cucamonga.



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The Quakes released this 25th anniversary logo to celebrate their years of excellence.



## Craft Therapy: calming the mind

By Jason Samp  
Staff Writer

Craft therapy is an activity that promotes self-discovery, empowerment, relaxation, stress relief and personal fulfillment. CSUSB students who participated in the Craft Therapy session on Thursday, April 6 confirmed that crafting did help them to relax and relieve stress. The event began with a few minutes of socializing among the participating students.

Heather Webster-Henry, Outreach Coordinator as well as Family and Marriage Therapist from the Counseling and Psychological Services, described the event as “an experience where the chatter of the mind is pushed aside.”

The craft for the April 6 event was blackout poetry, and every week the craft changes.

Tess Webster-Henry, Senior Health Educator, administered a meditation process to prime students’ mental state to begin.

Once ready, students were asked to examine a page from a book and mark any words that stood out to them.

After a while, designs began forming that created a visual poem, making the words pop off of the page. Students who attended craft therapy claimed that they did experience a relieved mental state of mind.

“It keeps your mind off the problems you have like you know with the new quarter,” said student Jose Angel Hernandez.

This event is planned for every Thursday afternoon this quarter, offering students multiple opportunities to attend.

“We wanted to do it kind of late in the week where classes may be over for them for the week and give them a way to recharge and go into the weekend feeling refreshed,” said Webster-Henry.

“I think it’s good for them to take care of themselves, do something creative, something just for

them. We get kind of locked into work and school and it’s all work. This is a time to recharge and have fun and learn about themselves a bit,” continued Webster-Henry.

She made it a point that all majors at CSUSB are recommended to attend craft therapy.

“Not everyone here is an art major so trying to let people creatively express themselves and maybe they are a math major or something and they don’t get a lot of opportunities to do that,” said Webster-Henry.

Peer Health Educator, Kasandra Johnston, helped host the

event. She also participated in the craft session, and encouraged all students to come and relieve stress.

“Try something new and maybe something that you wouldn’t have normally been exposed to,” said Johnston.

“You don’t have to be an artist to do something like this. You can just be any kind of student,” Johnston continued.

The attendance for the first week was much higher than expected, and this encouraged the facilitators to gather more supplies for the coming weeks.



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Students decide to attend Craft Therapy located in the Upper Commons, in order to feel relaxed and empowered.

## The importance of eating breakfast

By Monica Rosales  
Staff Writer

College students have a busy schedule and sometimes it gets in the way of what matters most, like consuming a healthy breakfast.

With a society that is continuously on the go and school expenses growing, it’s easy for students to skip meals in order to move on with their day and save a few bucks.

Breakfast is an essential meal of the day because it provides a healthy start to the day and is needed to maintain energy.

According to Healthy Children, 30 percent of college students go regularly without having breakfast.

“With work and school, I’m running around like crazy and I love to sleep in, so I just gave up on the idea of breakfast just so I can make it to class and work on time,” said Andrea Thomas, student.

Skipping important meals of the day, such as breakfast, can do more harm to a student than benefit them for a variety of reasons.

“Study after study shows that people who eat breakfast function better. [Students] do better in school, and have better concentration and more energy,” stated Dr. Marcie Beth Schneider, in an article from Healthy Children. Healthy Children was created by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Many studies have linked eating breakfast to good health, better memory, concentration and lower chances of health problems

“I can’t image not eating in the morning, but it is not always easy on days I have multiple tests, projects and hours to work,” said student Dante Richards.

Taking time out of the day to make or get a healthy breakfast does not need to take long or cost a fortune.

Many students lean to alternatives, such as finding other foods around the house or couponing to find great deals on simple items.

“I always find something to eat in the morning, my go to is toast with something on the side, sometimes even a sandwich or a protein shake if it’s a busy day,”

said student Alejandra Rivera.

Going to the store just to buy yogurt and fruit can be a cheaper alternative for a quick breakfast and students can find amazing deals in their local grocery stores weekly ads.

Most students already have items that can be used in a variety of ways to make something small and convenient for one to start their days such as peanut butter, milk, eggs, oatmeal and fruit.

Meal prepping has also become a very popular alternative to ensure sustenance throughout the day.

“Oatmeal is my life saver. I normally put it in a small container at night and in the morning I pop it in the microwave to heat it up, add some sugar or additional fruit too if it happens to be around,” said student Joseph Mills.

As a college student, it takes a little creativity and saving techniques to receive the most out of the food we buy.

Eating breakfast is not only cheap, but it gives students the right energy and focus they need to keep up in life.



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It is imperative for students to consume a healthy breakfast.



# Late Night with Pride

By Arthur Medrano  
Staff Writer

CSUSB students were welcomed to attend this quarter’s Late Night with Pride in the Santos Manuel Student Union.

The event was held on April 7, and was a warm welcome back for new and returning students at the start of the quarter.

The night consisted of watching movies, hanging out with friends and enjoying great food with pizza and snacks

aplenty. Many students settled themselves in by lounging around on the couches and chairs provided.

The social interaction was a great investment for all diverse students to make friends with great people, and advocate their beliefs that coincide with what the Pride Center stands for.

Being one of several events they hold throughout the quarter, Late Night provides eager individuals to share their stories while being supported from the community our school has made.

Students are allowed to share intimate details about their lives while being in a safe environment that advocates support toward all CSUSB students.

My favorite part about attending this event was the warm welcome they provided. It was also a fun place to hangout for those who enjoy playing the card game, Cards Against Humanity. If you want to make new friends and raise awareness of the LGBTQ community, the Pride Center is a great place to start.

Liseth Reyes, one of the

hosts for the event, came prepared with snacks and games for attendees to have a fun night.

“Just because it’s Late Night with Pride, doesn’t mean we are exclusive,” said Reyes.

Students from all diverse backgrounds were welcomed to attend the event, with over 20 diverse backgrounds coming to the event.

The students were able to interact with other people they may have not known, although see each other every day.

Miguel Rivera, a student

who attends San Bernardino Valley College, was among several that were here to encourage a healthy community spanning the boundaries of this university.

“I live close to Cal State, so knowing there are events like these occurring in our city helps bridge our community closer, similar to what a family should have,” said Rivera.

For those interested in being provided resources and making friends along the way, they are located in the Student Union, Room 113.



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# Discussing domestic violence

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The Clothesline Project has been an ongoing project at CSUSB since the early 1990’s because alumni and students felt the need to raise awareness on violence against women.

“Individuals need to be educated about sexual assault and to have an honest glimpse into what survivors of sexual assault survivors have endured,”said WRC Programming Assistant, Jenea Rodriguez

“It is also important for individuals to know what consent is and how to obtain resources for victims of sexual assault, The Clothesline Project allows individuals to be educated about what sexual assault does to the survivors,” continued Rodriguez.

Over the years, the project has gained popularity throughout the campus and the turnout to engage and participate is overwhelming.

The workshop has become so popular that not all shirts are displayed because of the heavy amount of quantities that are created. The students participate in the workshop by decorating a plain white shirt with their testimonies and experiences with

violence. “I think it’s important to educate others, especially when you have situations such as the North Park incident,” said Kayla, a student.

“Domestic abuse is serious and hopefully by educating others we help raise awareness and help others stand up against it,” said she continued.

Those who participate are not only victims of the violence but are also witnesses to such violence. The Clothesline Project creates a support system for those who feel alone in their situation.

The Clothesline Project will also be followed by the Take Back the Night event on April 21, which provides students with a safe environment to speak about their experiences as sexual assault victims.

Individuals need to be educated about sexual assault.

Jenea Rodriguez



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“ALCOHOL IS NOT CONSENT,” a shirt reads, signifying the importance of consent.



## Simulated classroom learning

Enrolling in online courses allows some students numerous opportunities to be virtually present beyond the limitations of a physical classroom.

By Robert Klimper  
Staff Writer

Online courses sometimes are exactly what a busy college student needs, allowing for a more flexible schedule.

Though online courses offer a more flexible schedule, it is not unheard of for students to feel a somewhat of a disconnect to the instructor of the courses as they can just be a wall of text with no face to face interaction.

“I probably won’t take another [online course]...I would rather be able to speak to the teacher myself,” said Joscelyne Baisa, a freshman at CSUSB taking her first online course this quarter.

CSUSB offers opportunities for professors and students to hold a simulated classroom environment with screen sharing and video feed.

Another way professors can interact with their students is through offering hybrid courses, partially face to face classes and times when the class is online.

“The [class] that was half online and half in class I felt like

I got more out of it, because I was able to go to the class and talk about what I read online,” said Westley Bovee, a senior at CSUSB who has taken a hybrid course.

Bovee still found use out of the online courses he took, yet for one of them, he felt like the course was a bit more involved and could see that the professor put a lot of work into making the class.

“If it is done well, an online course can connect you in very interesting ways to you students,” said Dr. Mihaela Popescu, communication professor and faculty associate with Academic Technologies & Innovation (ATI).

Dr. Popescu sees a purpose in online courses and tries to work around the issue of the disconnect that can come from online only courses.

She tries to achieve this through allowing the students themselves to introduce each other through outlets like video or audio so that other students feel a sense of connection.

On her end, Dr. Popescu finds that giving quick feedback

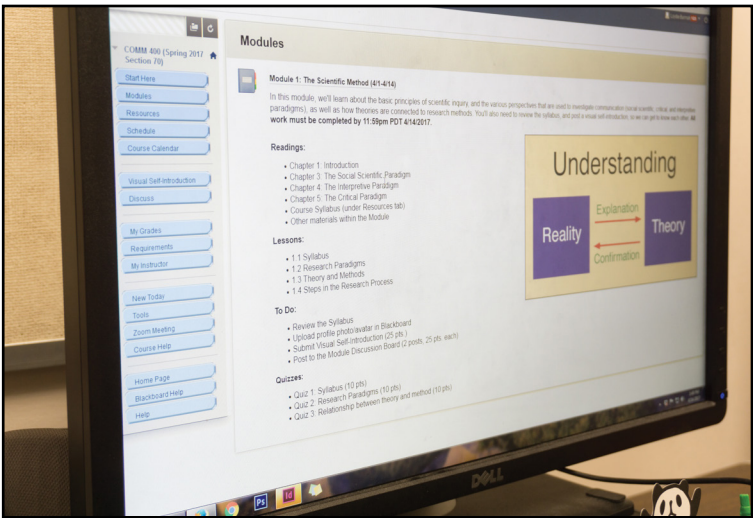
is important as no feedback leaves the student on their own.

“Generally speaking, I have more of a sense that every student has gotten my desired learning objectives in an online class than a face to face, because I actually see them going through [the material],” said Dr. Montgomery Van Wart, the recipient of the Quality Matters Certification for his online course, Human Resource Management in the Public Sector.

Dr. Wart, despite preferring classes where he can lecture face to face with the students, finds that online courses have their own merit and tries to constantly improve upon them as often as he can.

As he was awarded the QM certification, he believes that striving for a QM and getting help from the ATI on campus can help make each online course available a better and more involved experience overall.

Though professors can achieve a more involved online classroom, students still seem to enjoy in-person classes and are able to better enjoy the course they are participating in.



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Dr. Mihaela Popescu introduces interactive techn in courses.

## Spring cleaning for clarity

By Franciny Gonzalez  
Staff Writer

As the new quarter begins, some spring cleaning can benefit students who need to eliminate unnecessary clutter that accumulated, throughout the year.

Being organized can be difficult for students to notice because of their busy schedules filled with either work, homework or studying, which can get in the way of keeping our space clean.

*Psychology Today* has shown that having better organization

can actually effect an individual by relieving stress.

“Clutter can increase stress by distracting us and overwhelming our senses with extraneous stimuli,” said Dr. Jonathan Fader. Fader has a doctorate in psychology.

Often times, individuals may feel stressed even when completing their tasks, this is because clutter and a disorganized work space can make it seem like there is still work to be done.

“I don’t like to study in a dirty space, because then I feel like Spongebob and I want to clean it, and than I just spend

all day cleaning it instead of studying, I feel like I do need to have a clean space,” said student Michelle Ruvalcaba.

Spring cleaning can simply organizing ones space or removing unnecessary clothing from their wardrobe.

“I took out my winter clothes and put it all in a container and switched my winter clothes with my spring clothes... I had to let go and I organized my closet, I got it together,” said Ruvalcaba.

Some students feel with having a clean room, distractions and overwhelming feelings, tend to dissipate.

“I can actually find things that I am looking for, a lot of the times I misplace them,” student Andrea Olea.

Organization can even help an individual be on time instead of having to rush due to misplacing an important item.

“I feel like it does, it might depend on the person, for me, I really don’t mind the clutter because I feel like I am more focused on what I am doing than what is around me,” said student Stefanie Clay.

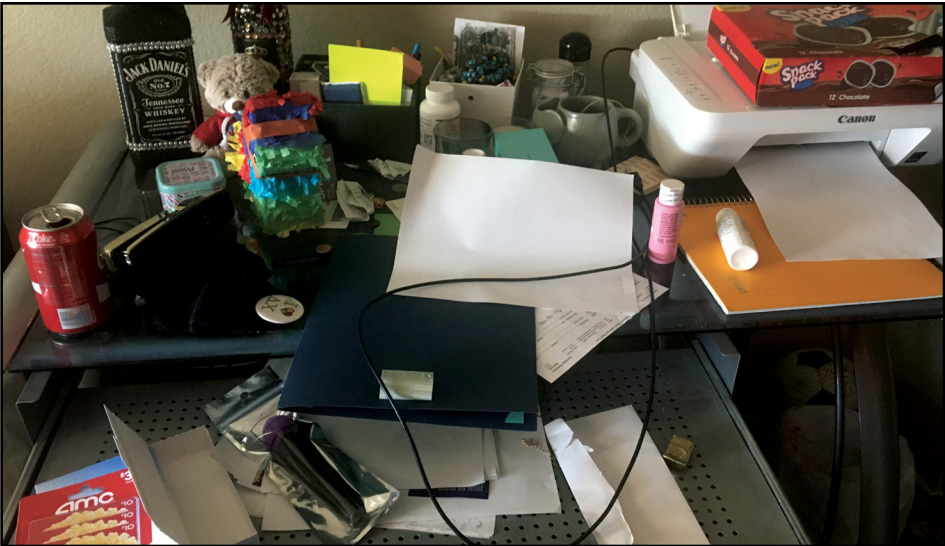
Although becoming more organized can help an individual feel less overwhelmed, for others

clutter doesn’t seem to impose on their well being, when it comes down to focusing on work.

“Organization and order have been associated with choosing to eat more healthy. Being more generous and conventionality. With both the physical and psychological benefits to cleaning and decluttering,” said Dr. Fader.

Fader emphasized the importance of keeping a clean space at home and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Becoming more organized can give you benefits both your mental and physical health.



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# Community Flower Show



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The community garden in Downtown Riverside invites visitors of all types to view its beauty.

**By Yesica Gonzalez**  
Staff Writer

Flowers were people’s expression, on Saturday, April 8 in Downtown Riverside. Riverside residents held the 70th annual Community Flower Show and Garden Tours during the whole

weekend. The event held a tour of the garden outside, a session about tips on floral designing and during the first few hours, there were judges examining all flowers from different categories. There was a section for the youth, on all types of specimens and multiple range heights for

plants. A few of the judges were Arleen Raysor and Pat Clayes. They judged the miniature floral designs and the whole first division. For each design, there is a card placed by them with information of the participant and in the back, the judges wrote

down what they loved and what the floral design can use more improvement on. “We place on the cards one commentary and one negative so it can help the person improve in their floral design, or how they can improve,” said Clayes. Clayes is from Lake Arrowhead, and has attended multiple national flower shows around the state, whereas Raysor is a floral designer from Colton. The judges kept sharing on what they absolutely loved, what each design can use and what ribbon each one should take. “These flower designs have to be constructive, have rhythm and we look at the overall creativity,” shared Clayes. They examined the miniature designs carefully while sharing their thoughts out loud to each other. Each participant is required to stay out of the judging room and have to pick up their floral design the next day. One of the judges was also a contestant in the flower show. “I’ve been judging floral designs for a couple of years now, I’ve done floral arranging and always love being a part of the flower shows,” shared Joyce Dean.

Dean is from Redlands and placed a few of her designs on display. She was one of the judges in a different section of the floral show that included the various specimens. “Joyce has been doing this for a long time like me and we’re kind of like judging buddies,” said Clayes. Clayes and Dean have participated in countless floral events by either being judges or participants in the flower designs. Clayes didn’t have any designs in the show this time but preferred to be a judge. “I usually drive far to many flower shows and love it because their is so much more to see,” said Dean. Dean’s floral design actually won first place in division two of the show. Afterward, the two judges kept strolling around to admire other floral designs that weren’t in their section to judge. There were various people from different ages coming together to showcase their talent and Clayes picked up on this. “I love the creativity the community brings out, it really shows how much passion they have,” said Clayes.

# Persona 5 released after delays

**By Robert Klimper**  
Staff Writer

Gamers can take the lead of a gang of thieves and steal corrupt hearts in hopes of making the world a better in “Persona 5 (P5).” The sixth installment of the “Persona” franchise was released worldwide on April 4, 2017 after several delays since its originally planned release in winter of 2014. It was released in Japan on Sept. 15, 2016. Even though this is the sixth entry into the franchise, new players do not have to worry. As has been the case since “Persona

3,” the game can be enjoyed on its own merit, outside of minor references to previous installments. Atlus, the producers of the “Persona” series, improves upon the elements that fans of the franchise have come to expect from the series, while also adding new aspects that make the game feel refreshing and new. A major shift in the game is that the main locations that battles take place in, referred to as Palaces. These are unique, with puzzles and interesting level design, compared to the randomly generated dungeon layouts present in “Persona 3” and

“Persona 4.” Palace locations are an improvement on the Midnight Channel domains from “Persona 4,” where they were based on the reflections of the true nature of the person who resided there. Only the walls were unique in “Persona 4,” whereas in “Persona 5,” each location is unique. To anyone who enjoyed the randomized dungeon set up from previous entries, “Persona 5” still includes such designs in an area called Mementos, a representation of the public’s collective unconscious, where the stealing of hearts is done on a smaller scale. Combat in “Persona 5” is the same as in previous entries,

yet more streamlined, with each button on the controller performing a different action. Thus, allowing combat to move quicker as opposed to selecting having to move down a list to select a different attack. “Persona 5” also reintroduces an attack type, the use of gun attacks, which was present in earlier entries in the series and is still present in Shin Megami Tensei, the game which “Persona” branched off of. Instead of the traditional method of obtaining personas, players can now acquire them by hitting enemies with a move they are weak to, or injuring them with a critical hit. This in turn allows the

player to try and convince the enemies to join their side by giving them an item or funds. A new element present in the game is in regards to a battle at Palace. Palace falls apart and becomes unavailable, so players should try and savor that location. Since the game’s worldwide release changed multiple times, the Japanese voice cast is a free download for gamers who would like the original language “Persona 5” was recorded in. “Persona 5” is a good jumping in point for those who are new to the franchise, while offering some much needed improvements and new additions for returning fans.



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“Persona 5,” like previous installments in the series, features a very stylized art style throughout the game that will keep players visually intrigued.



## Career expressions for alumni artist

**By Nicholas Linares**  
Staff Writer

CSUSB alumni Grant Sutton, a local Southern California resident is living the creative life with his full-time career as a respected traditional tattoo artist.

In his booth at Empire Tattoo, Sutton has several mediums of art displayed for the public.

One of these pieces is a burnt paper with a scenery weapon from Rob Zombies movie, "Halloween."

On the burnt paper is a large cleaver depicting the house that Michael Myers grew up in, the clown mask he wore as a child, a revolver and a pumpkin.

"I was really upset when my wife accidentally knocked over a beer onto the painting right after I had just finished painting the blood," stated Sutton.

"But when it dried I saw the effect the beer had on the red paint and I thought it looked even better," he continued.

A unique mixed media piece that stands tall in Sutton's booth is an old longboard from his earlier teenage years.

He had repurposed the board as a canvas and painted a cosmic pin-up girl, an inspiration from the traditional martini glass girl seen in many American traditional tattoos.

Sutton found himself attracted to the traditional style

of tattooing because of the rich history and bold lines displayed on canvas and flesh.

Behind Sutton's chair on the western wall of his booth lays a wood frame with a large painting of an owl. With accents of red and yellow, the orange and bold black lines give depth to the owl as its wings expand and raise its claws for an attack.

"That is one of my favorite pieces," said Sutton. "I painted that while I was doing a guest spot at Chapter X Tattoo in Orange County."

Many new and old school nuances can be seen in Suttons work. He respects the methods to the traditional style, yet he has his own creative new school touch to every piece.

The owl painting alone took him approximately five hours to complete and was still not up to his high standards of perfection.

"This was the first time I had ever painted something with water color of this size," Sutton explained. "It has some hiccups, like most water color paintings do."

Since graduating in 2013, Sutton has now fully enveloped himself in the tattoo world, making special guest appearances at Premium Tattoo in Oakland and traveling all around the country for tattoo conventions such as the Body Art Expo and Musink.

"I make clothing, merchandise, art and do some design

work for other people as well," Sutton said. "But tattooing is definitely my full time means of living."

While holding his degree in graphic design, Sutton is able to integrate some of the newest technology and features it into the creation of his art.

As new art and new tattoos are produced daily, there are no signs of stopping for this creative rocker.

Sutton can be found in Southern California at Empire Tattoo in Redlands or King Blaze Tattoo in Calimesa.

Because according to Sutton "If it's bold, it will hold!"



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Three unique art pieces from tattoo artist and CSUSB alumni Grant Sutton.

## Delicious food and great vibes on Route 66



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A place to visit for a delicious meal before traveling down Route 66 is Emma Jean's Holland Burger Cafe in Victorville, CA.

**By Elizabeth Taylor**  
Staff Writer

People from various locations are embracing great food and even better people met along the classic stretch of road known as Route 66.

Emma Jean's Holland Burger Cafe located in Victorville California, can be an awesome place to eat and make new friends before making the trip down the scenic road.

All the seats were full and the spirits were high as travelers, motorists and locals gobbled down the plethora of menu options at Emma Jean's.

"I come here as often as I can, sometimes once a week," said Dan, a local resident. "I make the trip from Apple Valley for my customized chili and for the friendships I have made with the people who work here."

Empty dishes were constantly placed away, and counters were cleaned spotless to provide

space for heavy volume of guests waiting to be served.

"It's like working with family and we get to know the customers," said Chloe Folger, lead waitress. "This place is very authentic; it's not fake and we are not going to kiss your toes."

Forks scraped plates clean and drinks are gulped down as the breakfast crowd eagerly entered. "We love it here and have only good things to say about it," said Colleen and James Hoffarth, local residents. "We discovered

this place on our way to the Antique Station in Oro Grande and have been coming here ever since."

A lot has come and gone since the development of the interstate system, but this restaurant continues on it's thriving path with the Gentry's behind the wheel.

"We have our six days a week regulars that order the same meal every day, and we also have folks on vacation that make it a point to stop in and have a meal,"

said Shawna Gentry. "A customer even came from Sweden and got a tattoo of the sign."

A style of its own and fresh food served just right has customers making this place an everyday occurrence out of their busy lives.

"It's old style; a place you don't find anymore," said Ciro Libanati, local resident and CSUSB Alumni. "I've been coming here for over six years; I come here to eat, read the paper and relax."

The sounds of the spatula hitting the grill and the smell of eggs and toast fill the air as food is being served out hot and ready.

"I was raised in the business, and I love the rush of it getting busy," said Brian Gentry, owner and chef. "I enjoy hanging with my friends; they came with the place; a lot of them never left."

Route 66 is home to many family owned businesses and is overflowing with an abundance of aesthetically pleasing features to view along this twisting and turning stretch of landscape.

Whether it's a break from work or from shopping, come by Emma Jean's for breakfast or lunch located at 17143 N. D ST. Victorville, California.



# Pets in distress

By **Daisy Figueroa**  
Staff Writer

Stray dogs and cats can be seen wandering the streets looking for shelter, water, and their next meal. Pet abandonment and overpopulation are issues ever too apparent in the Inland Empire (I.E.) and across the U.S. The desire to be a pet owner

is reasonable. Research suggests that caring for a dog provides health benefits for owners, as is the case with cats. A pet becomes a part of the family, a best friend and loyal companion. However, according to the ASPCA, there are over 6.5 million animals turned into shelters each year in the U.S. alone. Millions of these pets are abandoned each year because

some owners fail to responsibly care for them. These types of owners find themselves faced with issues that they did not anticipate or prepare for. This can include: erratic behaviors, aggressiveness, growing larger than expected or health-related problems. Another leading cause of pet abandonment is that owners’

do not neuter their pets, often resulting in unwanted litters. Often times there are not enough willing homes to provide space and care for new puppies or kittens. Unwanted litters are then placed in shelters or worse. Spaying and neutering your pets are other simple ways becoming a responsible pet owner. Reduced numbers of unwanted litters could dramatically decrease pet overpopulation.

Animal breeding leads to the same result. If there are no customers for the animals they too are, unfortunately abandoned. Some abandoned animals are given to shelters, while others are forced to survive on their own on the streets. San Bernardino County’s animal control shelter feed and care for stray abandoned, unwanted, and mistreated animals daily. They also actively work to find homes for shelter animals unclaimed by owners. “We respond to all cases of animal abuse and neglect,” said a customer service representative from San Bernardino County’s Animal Control. “But abandonment and stray animals are still a big issue,” she admitted. Despite their best efforts to keep stray animals off of our streets, the truth is that there are just not enough good homes to

take in a number of abandoned animals in the I.E. We can address the issue of pet abandonment by working to encourage people to become better pet owners. Lupita Alvarez of the Fontana Animal Hospital witnesses pets come into the clinic after facing neglect and abandonment. “Pay attention and take care of your pets like children,” Alvarez said. “They’re innocent. Just please don’t give up on them.” Owning a pet is a huge responsibility that should only be reserved for an individual that is ready. Pets require not only the basic needs like shelter, food and water, but they need attention and love as well. Shelters remain full with kind, loving animals desperate to find their forever homes. Many of these animals, unfortunately, never get the chance to leave the shelters. About 1.5 million animals in shelters must be euthanized each year in the US due to overpopulation in shelters, according to the ASPCA. As residents of the I.E., we can make sure we are each doing our part in being responsible pet owners. By spreading awareness to our neighbors and family members about the issues of pet overpopulation and abandonment, we can greatly eliminate these issues.



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# Masking a lie

By **Samantha Flores**  
Staff Writer

“What’s Your Big Lie?,” developed by Jordan Axani, is a workshop that helps those who “mask” their true identity to be themselves. The workshop fosters a welcoming environment. “The pain you are feeling now, another person within 50 feet from you might also be going through the same pain,” said Axani. The event began last year in May of 2016, and has progressed tremendously. Axani said that he did not imagine it to grow so fast. “I thought I was getting lucky,” said Axani. He shared his experience with the students of CSUSB, which impacted many. One student shared how Axani’s story changed his perspective. “It made me feel that I was not alone, and how we are all

interconnected,” said student Henry Barron. Axani provided students with an understanding that each of us should not judge one another’s appearance, because one may not know what that person might be going through. This was an event where one could honestly express themselves, knowing that they were not going to be ridiculed. Instead, have people who will empathetically listen to their story. In fact, other schools have taken the concept within “What’s Your Big Lie?” and created different activities to help students. The RCMP, part of the Government of Canada, which host extensive youth programs regarding alcohol and drug abuse have also embraced this program. “Two years from now, I would like there to be five thousand events whether it is

online or offline, but we’ll see because we have just built an organization and team in a way to support its growth,” said Axani. Axani spoke about two apps that have helped him to have a good day. Talkative is through text messages, where one can ask about a problem that they are going through and someone will help. The other is the Wakie app. Wakie pairs users similar situations and issues for 10 minutes to discuss and relate with one another. “Using technology as a wedge to be able to open up some vulnerability,” Axani said. He has not studied to be a counselor or social worker, this aspires him to think about the stories of each person as neutral. “I love how within an hour people feel safe to express their stories, of being who they are, even if it is one person, to me that is a success,” said Axani.

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## Living in San Bernardino

By **Shamce Ahmad**  
Staff Writer

Living in San Bernardino can be an adventure for many students and citizens alike who call the city home.

The perspective of the city changes often, but it seems that those who live within its confines have the best view of it all.

The city gets its fair share of doubters and believers, and it was evident among various views of the residents.

“San Bernardino has been my home all of my life, and I’ve grown to love this city,” said San Bernardino Valley College student, Kyle Gonzalez.

Gonzalez was born and raised in the eastern side of San Bernardino and has not considered living anywhere else.

He added that “there are always things to do at night out in downtown,” which seems to be a popular spot among locals.

When local native Raymond Zikram was asked his opinion on the city of San Bernardino, he defended his longtime home from the naysayers.

“San Bernardino gets a bad rap in my opinion,” said Zikram, a resident of 17 years. “The city is cheap to live in and has many places to hang out and eat.”

Though Zikram may have defended his city, not everyone was keen on doing the same.

“You could do better than living in San Bernardino,” opined CSUSB student Alex Carls. “The city has become dirtier and more unsafe as the years have passed, and the economy isn’t faring much better,” he continued.

“The city has become dirtier and more unsafe as the years have passed, and the economy isn’t faring much better,” he continued. San Bernardino has become a hot spot for crime and poverty “over the last four years or so,” according to Carls.

Carls suggested that interested parties should look outside of the city’s immediate area to live in “if they really want to stay in the Inland Empire.”

While Carls provided insight on how the city has its problems, the fact remains that San Bernardino has hundreds of thousands of residents for a reason.

When asked why she chooses to live in the city of San Bernardino, local parent Nadine Malik said that “it is a great area to raise your children in, despite its recent downfalls.”

She added that the city is also affordable for those who aren’t necessarily up on their feet quite yet.

“Most everyone can afford a place out here and that’s why the population in the area has risen so much after the recession,” Malik added.

San Bernardino, with its glory and blemishes, seems to be a hot place to live in for various persons far and wide in 2017.



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San Bernardino offers an array of beautiful places to visit.

## Buddhism in the Inland Empire



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The Buddhist monastery offers a place for visitors and monks alike to practice the teachings of Buddhism in hopes of reaching the point of nirvana.

By **Jordan Ortega**  
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Every day, the Thien Vien Chan Nguyen Buddhist Meditation Center allows the public, regardless of religious faith, to come and visit the monastery.

This past weekend Thien Vien Chan Nguyen Buddhist Meditation Center offered a vegetarian meal to members of the community.

People of all faiths are welcomed to come and enjoy a complimentary meal with the members of the monastery.

Everyone eats at the same time in a community style. If you choose to attend you need be respectful and stay for the entire event.

The event runs Sunday starting with preparation at noon, and the meal is served promptly at 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

The Thien Vien Chan Nguyen Buddhist Meditation Center is considered a monastery and not a Buddhist Temple.

“The reason is that temples you come and visit, then you leave,” said monk Kevin White.

“Monks live on the premises which makes this a monastery,” said another monk Robert Smith.

The particular Buddhism they practice is called “pure land Buddhism.”

Just like the name expresses, this Buddhism is “pure” and strict form of Buddhism, which is geared more toward Buddhists from Asian countries.

“People come here [for us

monks] to teach them [how to deal with] their lifestyle and time [management],” said monk Kevin White.

Another reason for the majority of people is “they come here for curiosity.”

Many visitors do not understand the teaching of Buddhism, but potential Buddhist followers can accept their religion and follow the teachings.

For example, “Buddhist followers do not have to be vegetarian or meditate unless they want to be a monk,” said monk Robert Smith.

Monks unlike Buddhist followers have to “live with nothing. [Even though] they are used to having everything. You [as a monk] have to be willing to give up what you obsess over.”

Living as a Buddhist monk is a very difficult life for some because of the rules they follow.

“Monks do not like to beat around the bush.”

The monks will be straightforward and concise with you.

For example, visitors need to dress appropriately.

“Visitors need to cover as much skin as possible to be respectful of the monastery,” said Monk Kevin White. Monks have to wear a robe in all weather. In the hot summer or the cold winter. Everyone can wear appropriate attire like monks do daily.”

Monks have to obey many rules such as their clothing.

“We cannot own anything it is attachment,” said White. “Monks are forbidden to accept income.”

However, in certain circumstances they can if they are not receiving enough donations.

If you are donating to a group of monks you are supposed to place them inside the donation box which would be enough for everyone.

If you want to donate to one monk you have to present the donation off the premises, unless you plan on donating the same item to every monk on the premises.

The biggest question from outsiders is “why do people choose to live like that?”

Monks and Buddhist followers both want to reach nirvana or “enlightenment.”

The monastery is there to serve the community and what the community needs.



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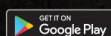
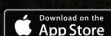
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